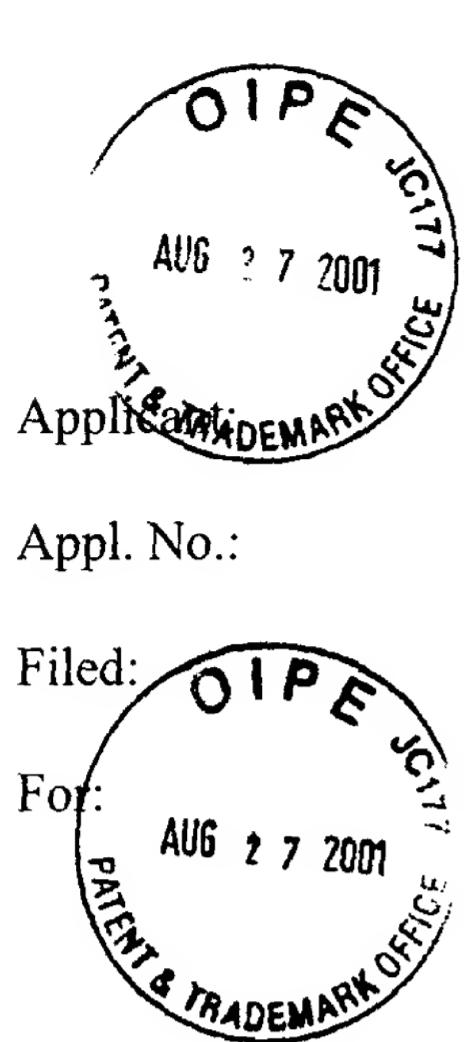


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents August 27, 2001
Washington, DC 20231 (Monday)

Sir:

In response to the U.S. Patent Office Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Disclosures dated May 25, 2001, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to August 25, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

It is particularly preferred for the protein encoded by the nucleic acid molecule of the invention to comprise at least one of the following two consensus sequences.

Consensus 1:

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